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Because of the special nature of Congressional committees it is not possible for them to keep records as do regular government departments. Hence it is not possible for me to provide the Civil Service Commission with the precise information requested in (3).I take it this request deals with my employment by the U.S.Senate Civil Liberties Committee.

In the event the following additional information does not satisfy the Commission, I will welcome an opportunity to answer in person any questions the Commission would care to ask me.

My employment by this committee began in August 1936. I was then an investigator. On or about September 22 of that year I was promoted to the position of editor. I held this position and that of investigator for the duration of this employment. My duties and responsibilities grew with the committee's work. I had up to 25 persons working under me. I was exclusively responsible for their work. From time to time, just about all the committee's employees worked for short periods under my supervision. The nature of the duties of the editor of a Congressional committee vary with the committee, but with Senate committees like this one, the editor is a sort of catch-all. Usually he is the best-informed employee, knowing most about the committee's work and findings. Gradually he becomes an assistant to the executive head. In my case this was true. I was formally entitled "assistant secretary" in March or April 1938 under the following circumstances.

As a direct outgrowth of this committee's work the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice secured indictments of over 60 persons and corporations in Harlan County, Ky. Before the beginning of this trial the Attorney General's representative visited the committee and interviewed its employees. He selected me as the employee he thought

most likely to be of greatest value to the Department. Accordingly, the committee assigned me to represent it in this important proceeding and to assist the department in its prosecution. At this time I was appointed assistant secretary, but actually I had performed the duties of this position from almost the beginning of my employment by this committee.

As to my responsibilities and the various changes asked for, there is not much I can add to the information contained in my application. I was completely in charge of this division of the committee's work, responsible only to the committee's head. My duties grew with the committee because an ever increasing number of responsibilities, peculiar to such committees, I believe, ~~we~~ were assigned to me. I have no records that will enable me to give you the other information. I may say, however, that I received regular increases in salary and the committee's head always told me I was underpaid, but that the committee's appropriation did not allow him to pay me more.

My employment by the magazine Friday was brief because, as I said in my application, I couldn't agree with the editor and his policies. My duties here were those of all other Washington correspondents, with the additional duty of counselling the managing editor.

With CLICK, whose Washington repr sentative I now am, I have these same gegeral responsibilities. I handle this publication's relations with the government and with Congress and, as I said in my application, have done special work, such as the investigations and series of articles listed. From time to time I arrange for important government officials to contribute to the magazine. Since filing the application I have arranged for CLICK to give at least two pages per issue to various government National Defense agencies for them to use as they see fit in informing the people about the National Defense Program. This was my

idea, and I am handling all arrangements. Responsible government officials have expressed the opinion that this is a valuable contribution to the defense program. I ask the Commission - and perhaps this is unnecessary- to keep this additional information confidential until after the beginning of this series, for business reasons.

Should the Commission desire additional details which I can supply I, of course, will be glad to provide them